

REMARKS

After entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 7-21 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-6 are canceled in accordance with the Examiner's restriction requirement. Applicant reserves the right to pursue claims of commensurate scope in one or more related applications.

The title has been amended to delete reference to audio, since audio-focused claims 1-6 have been canceled.

A Terminal Disclaimer over patents 5,841,978 and 6,324,573 is submitted herewith.

The rejection over Tow is respectfully traversed. Tow is understood to superimpose a low contrast binary modulation on certain grayscale image samples to embed machine-readable information. Tow states "Furthermore, this invention may be employed to digitally embed hypertext or hypermedia points in hardcopy prints of grayscale documents." However, such disclosure is not believed sufficient to sustain an anticipation rejection of the claims (nor the obviousness rejection based thereon).

New claims have been added to more fully protect applicant's inventive work.

Claims 19-21 are claims 1-3 that were canceled from related, allowed application 09/895,748.

Favorable reconsideration and passage to issuance are solicited.

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